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SUBJECT: CSCE/CBMS: FRG NOTIFICATION OF STANDHAFTE CHATTEN,
CARBON EDGE, AND BLUE FOX

REF: NATO 3984 (DTG 241903Z MAY 77)
THERE FOLLOW DRAFT NOTIFICATION TEXTS FOR EXERCISES "STAND-
HAFTE CHATTEN", "CARBON EDGE", AND "BLUE FOX" CIRCULATED
BY THE FRG DELEGATION JULY 22. FRG DEL ALSO PROVIDED
SPEAKING NOTES TRANSMITTED BELOW AND REQUESTED ALLIED
REACTIONS AT POLADS MEETINGS JULY 26 OR JULY 27. ACTION
REQUESTED: GUIDANCE, IF POSSIBLE BY JULY 26.

BEGIN TEXT OF FRG SPEAKING NOTES:

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WE ASSUME THAT THE PARALLEL NOTIFICATION FOR "CARBON EDGE"
AND THE BELGIAN NOTIFICATION FOR "BLUE FOX" WILL GIVE MORE
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DETAILS ABOUT THE RESPECTIVE EXERCISES.

FURTHER TO THE NOTIFICATION OF THE EXERCISES THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY WILL INVITE OBSERVERS
TO THE EXERCISES "STANDHAFTE CHATTEN" AND "CARBON EDGE" ALSO
ON BEHALF OF THE OTHER PARTICIPATING ALLIES.

WE COULD DO THE SAME IF BELGIUM DECIDES IN FAVOUR OF AN INVITATION OF OBSERVERS TO THE EXERCISE "BLUE FOX".

THE NOTIFICATIONS AND INVITATIONS WILL BE TRANSMITTED BY SEPARATE NOTES.

THE GERMAN DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN THE CAPITALS OF THE CSCE-COUNTRIES WILL CONVEY THE NOTIFICATIONS TO THE RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS, WHEREAS THE FEDERAL MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS (THE FEDERAL CHANCELLERY IN THE CASE OF THE GDR) WILL TRANSMIT THE INVITATIONS FOR OBSERVERS IN BONN.

THE NOTE VERBALE CONTAINING THE NOTIFICATION OF THE MANOEUVRES WILL INCLUDE AT THE END THE FOLLOWING TEXT INDICATING THAT WE INTEND TO INVITE OBSERVERS: "THE MISSION ALSO HAS THE HONOUR TO STATE THAT IT IS INTENDED TO INVITE OBSERVERS TO THE MANOEUVRE DETAILS WILL BE CONTAINED IN THE INVITATION WHICH WILL BE EXTENDED IN BONN BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY".

IT IS INTENDED TO ISSUE THE NOTIFICATION FOR "STANDHAFTE CHATTEN" AND "BLUE FOX" ON 22 AUGUST AND FOR "CARBON EDGE" ON 23 AUGUST. THE INVITATION TO THE OBSERVERS IS TO BE TRANSMITTED A FEW DAYS LATER. END TEXT.

A. TEXT OF THE NOTIFICATION OF MANOEUVRE "STANDHAFTE CHATTEN":

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WITH REFERENCE TO THE FINAL DOCUMENT OF THE CSCE DATED 1ST AUGUST 1975, ESPECIALLY THE DOCUMENT ON CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES AND CERTAIN ASPECTS OF SECURITY AND DISARMAMENT, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY HAS THE HONOUR TO NOTIFY THE MANOEUVRE "STANDHAFTE CHATTEN". THIS MANOEUVRE, IN WHICH ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES WILL TAKE PART IN ADDITION TO UNITS OF THE BUNDESWEHR, WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY FROM 12TH TO 15TH SEPTEMBER 1977. THE MANOEUVRE WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE CONTEXT OF THE "AUTUMN FORGE" EXERCISE SERIES - A COORDINATED SERIES OF REGULAR NATIONAL/MULTINATIONAL FIELD TRAINING AND COMMAND POST EXERCISES BEING CONDUCTED BY CERTAIN MEMBERS OF NATO.

NAME OF THE EXERCISE: "STANDHAFTE CHATTEN";

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: FIELD MANOEUVRE OF THE LAND

- FORCES, COMPRISING TWO PARTIES
- WITH AIR SUPPORT;

PURPOSE OF THE EXERCISE: OPERATIONS AT DIVISIONAL LEVEL;

- COMMAND AND CONTROL OF MAJOR
- UNITS AND INTERACTION OF COMBINED

- ARMS IN RAPIDLY CHANGING
- SITUATIONS;

TIME OF THE EXERCISE: 12TH TO 15TH SEPTEMBER 1977;
EXERCISE AREA: BRILON - KASSEL - BAD HERSFELD -

- SIEGEN - PLETTENBERG;

COMMAND LEVEL: III GERMAN CORPS;
UNITS PARTICIPATING: 2ND LIGHT INFANTRY DIVISION, 5TH

- ARMoured DIVISION, PARTS OF NO.
- 26 AIRBORNE BRIGADE, PARTS OF
- THE CORPS SUPPORT AND SUPPLY
- UNITS, ONE US BRIGADE; AIR

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- SUPPORT WILL BE PROVIDED BY
- ELEMENTS OF THE TACTICAL AIR
- FORCES IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE
- MULTINATIONAL MANOEUVRE "COLD
- FIRE 77" WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE
- SIMULTANEOUSLY;

TOTAL NUMBER OF MILITARY 38,000, INCLUDING COMMAND
PERSONNEL INVOLVED: PERSONNEL AND UMPIRE SERVICES;
ABSENCE FROM GARRISONS: THE GROUND FORCE UNITS WILL

- LEAVE THEIR GARRISONS BETWEEN
- 5TH AND 12TH SEPTEMBER;
- THE BULK OF THEM WILL RETURN

- BY 18TH SEPTEMBER.

B. TEXT OF THE NOTIFICATION OF MANOEUVRE "CARBON EDGE":

WITH REFERENCE TO THE FINAL DOCUMENT OF THE CSCE DATED 1ST
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AUGUST 1975, ESPECIALLY THE DOCUMENT ON CONFIDENCE-
BUILDING MEASURES AND CERTAIN ASPECTS OF SECURITY AND
DISARMAMENT, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC
OF GERMANY HAS THE HONOUR TO NOTIFY THE MANOEUVRE "CARBON
EDGE".

IN ADDITION TO AMERICAN UNITS, AN ARMOURED BRIGADE OF THE
BUNDESWEHR WILL TAKE PART IN THE MANOEUVRE IN WHICH
ABOUT 50,000 MILITARY PERSONNEL WILL BE INVOLVED.

THE MANOEUVRE WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE
EXERCISE "REFORGER 77" IN THE "SCHWABISCHE ALB" AND IN
BAVARIA FROM 13TH TO 23RD SEPTEMBER 1977. DETAILS ON
THE PURPOSE AND THE COMMAND LEVEL OF THE EXERCISE WILL
BE CONTAINED IN THE NOTIFICATION BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
UNITED STATES.

C. TEXT OF THE NOTIFICATION OF MANOEUVRE "BLUE FOX":

WITH REFERENCE TO THE FINAL DOCUMENT OF THE CSCE DATED
1ST AUGUST 1975, ESPECIALLY THE DOCUMENT ON CONFIDENCE-
BUILDING MEASURES AND CERTAIN ASPECTS OF SECURITY AND
DISARMAMENT, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC
OF GERMANY HAS THE HONOUR TO NOTIFY THE MANOEUVRE "BLUE
FOX".

IN ADDITION TO BELGIAN AND AMERICAN FORCES, TWO BRIGADES
OF THE BUNDESWEHR WILL TAKE PART IN THE MANOEUVRE IN
WHICH ABOUT 24,500 MILITARY PERSONNEL WILL BE INVOLVED.
THE MANOEUVRE WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE AREA OF OSNABRUCK -
HILDESHEIM - GOTTINGEN - PLETTENBERG - HAGEN - MUNSTER
FROM 12TH TO 23RD SEPTEMBER 1977. DETAILS ON THE PURPOSE
AND COMMAND LEVEL OF THE EXERCISE WILL BE CONTAINED IN
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THE NOTIFICATION BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF
BELGIUM.

D. TEXT OF THE INVITATION TO OBSERVERS AT MANOEUVRE
"STANDHAFTE CHATTEN":

THE FEDERAL FOREIGN OFFICE HAS THE HONOUR TO NOTIFY THE
EMBASSY OF OF THE FOLLOWING: (FOR THE GDR:
THE OFFICE OF THE FEDERAL CHANCELLOR HAS THE HONOUR TO
INFORM THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE GDR ON THE BASIS OF
THE PROTOCOL OF 14 MARCH 1974 BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC ON THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF THE PERMANENT MISSIONS OF THE FOLLOWING:)

WITH REFERENCE TO THE FINAL ACT OF THE CONFERENCE ON
SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE OF 1 AUGUST 1975,
ESPECIALLY THE DOCUMENT ON CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES
AND CERTAIN ASPECTS OF SECURITY AND DISARMAMENT, THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, AT THE
SAME TIME ACTING FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA, INVITES THE GOVERNMENT OF
TO SEND ONE OR TWO MEMBERS OF THE STAFF OF ITS EMBASSY
IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (FOR THE GDR: OF ITS
PERMANENT MISSION IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY) AS
OBSERVERS TO THE MANOEUVRE "STANDHAFTE CHATTEN" WHICH
WILL TAKE PLACE MAINLY IN THE AREA OF HESSE FROM 12TH TO
15TH SEPTEMBER 1977. FORCES OF THE COUNTRIES EXPRESSING
THIS INVITATION WILL TAKE PART IN THE EXERCISE.

IF THIS INVITATION IS ACCEPTED, THE NAMES AND RANKS OR
TITLES OF THE DESIGNATED OBSERVERS ARE KINDLY REQUESTED
NOT LATER THANAUGUST 1977.

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DETAILS CONCERNING THE PROGRAMME AND ORGANIZATION OF THE
PARTICIPATION OF THE OBSERVERS ARE BEING FORWARDED AT
ANNEX.

(COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE).

E. THE SAME TEXT WITH THE CORRESPONDING DATES WILL ALSO
BE DISTRIBUTED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR THE INVITATION
TO MANOEUVRE "CARBON EDGE".END TEXT. PEREZ

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